

## 1962

Factory production, to 14,351 units, a second factory shift. sticker price was now



which accelerated required start-up of The basic car's \$4,038.

Engine displacement previous 283 to 327

maximum rating of 360 horsepower. Gone, however, were dual four-barrel carburetor engines, replaced by a single, four-barrel setup. 1962 would also be the last year for conventional rear trunks; exposed headlights; optional power tops, and solid rear axles.

grew from the cubic-inches, with a

The side cove area, previously trimmed in chrome, was eliminated. The cove was now formed into the fiberglass body panels so contrasting colors packages were abolished. Narrow whitewall tires were offered as a factory option. The grill was given a black finish; aluminum moldings were added to the rocker panels, and the simulated air vents at the front of the coves were restyled.

An aluminum case enclosed the Powerglide transmission to trim chassis weight. Four-speed manual transmissions remained popular options, accounting for better than 75 percent of the total units produced. Tachometers were driven by the distributor in all models, unlike previous years when tachs were limited to fuel injected V-8 engines. Heaters were offered as standard equipment for the first time.

In competition, Corvettes captured both the SCCA's Class A/Production and Class B/Production crowns.

As the 1962 production year drew to a close, Corvette seemed poised for bigger and better things. The car had evolved from a sporty two-seater, designed to give the driving public something more than basic "mom, pop and the kids" transportation, to a vehicle that became the epitome of style, speed, performance and handling. It incorporated expertise gained on the racing circuit with the best aspects of traditional touring automobiles.

And, if the Corvette's first decade was any barometer, more exciting changes were on the horizon.

Footnote: The first Corvette era (1953-1962), also referred to as the "Glamor Years," is also known as the C-1 Generation as defined by body styles, not the model's basic platform.